

Shasta County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting
 September 22, 2022, 3:00pm
 Redding City Hall, 777 Cypress Avenue, Caldwell Room, Redding, California
 Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS	ALTERNATES	Title/Agency/Role	Present	Absent	Alternate
Tracie Neal	Chelsey Chappelle	Chief Probation Officer, Chair	X		
Stephanie Bridgett	Ben Hanna	Shasta County District Attorney			X
Bill Bateman	Kathryn Barton	Public Defender's Office			X
Michael Johnson	Gene Randall	Shasta County Sheriff			X
Mary Rickert		Board of Supervisors		X	
Laura Burch	Keri Schuette	Department of Social Services	X		
Miguel Rodriguez	Dwyane Green	Dept. of Mental Health		X	
Susan Wilson	Jennifer Coulter	Community based AOD Program representative			X
Bill Schueller	Brian Cole	Redding Police Department	X		
Steve Blunk		Anderson Police Department	X		
Judy Flores	Carrie Webb	Shasta County Office of Education	X		
Steve McFarland	Cindy Vogt	Member at Large			X
Michael Burke	Mandy Saulsbury	Non-profit CBO providing services to youth	X		
Judge Molly Bigelow		Shasta County Superior Court		X	

Guest Present

Probation- Jeremy Kenyon, Carla Stevens, Twyla Carpenter, Dennis Hoerning, Chelsey Chappelle
 Christina Massey - City of Redding
 Jen Rossi – County Administrative Office
 Lisa Jenkins – Shasta County Superior Court
 Danielle Gehrung – GEO Group
 Pearl Dye – GEO Group
 Don Yost – Shasta Equal Justice Coalition
 Lee Macey – Shasta Equal Justice Coalition

The Meeting was called to order at 3pm. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ben Hanna made a motion to approve the April 20, 2022, meeting minutes, motion seconded by Kathryn Barton. The motion was passed.

Cindy Vogt made a motion to approve the June 22, 2022, meeting minutes, motion seconded by Jennifer Coulter. The motion was passed.

Financial Report

None

Discussion Item

- A. *Committee members will receive a copy of the GEO River's Edge Academy (REA) Annual Report and receive a presentation.*

Tracie Neal introduced Danielle Gehrung. Danielle gave an overview of the annual report. She stressed GEO's partnership with Probation, and GEO's commitment to providing individualized cognitive behavioral programs to youth. Danielle gave the committee an overview regarding the development of the REA Alumni and the work being done to build this aspect of the program to support the graduates and those currently in the program.

Carla Stevens gave an overview of the program and explained the two tracks of River's Edge Academy. GEO has the rehabilitative track and Probation has the behavioral track. There are Juvenile Detention Officers assigned to support the program and a Supervising Juvenile Detention Officer is assigned to oversee the day-to-day operations of REA. There is also a Probation Officer and a Mental Health Clinician from HHS to support the youth and families.

- B. *Committee members will receive an update on programs funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and receive an update on the current JAG grant cycle and application for the new grant cycle.*

Tracie Neal gave a brief overview of the purpose of the JAG grant. She then turned the floor over to Christina Massey with the Martin Luther King Center (Center), City of Redding. Christina then gave a summary about the recent completion of their Youth Leadership Initiative Camp. The camp was eight weeks in length and fifty youth participated. She distributed yearbooks compiled by youth in the program. Fifteen teens completed junior leadership programming and eight were certified as lifeguards. Two credentialed retired tutors have joined the program, and last summer one hundred fifty tutoring sessions were conducted. She also mentioned a partnership with 4-H called Pathways to Your Future, a college preparatory curriculum. A trip to UC Davis through this partnership is scheduled for the near future. Youth participated in a two-night camping trip to Lassen Park where they took part in hikes and natural science classes with the rangers. As part of the success of the program, Christina mentioned how wonderful it is to see kids who entered their program at a young age now working for the Center after they graduate. Christina also highlighted a new art program using mixed media that will be starting soon.

Michael Burke provided an update on programs. He gave an update on staff recertification training for Boys Circle and Girls Circle. He also spoke about art, cooking, nutrition, and computer classes conducted at the Teen Center. The Teen Center's youths participated in National Night Out with the Anderson Police Department, and they won first prize. The Teen Center also partnered with the Anderson Neighborhood Project. Teams worked on murals within the community and cleaned the Veteran's Walk of Honor. Camp Hope had eighty-six campers who participated, some of them Anderson Teen Center youth. The Redding Teen Center had 431 visits and the Anderson Teen Center had 299 for a total of 730 youth visits during the month of August. The Anderson Teen Center continues to seek volunteers for the program.

Jennifer Coulter provided an update for Youth Options Shasta. Towards No Drugs (TND), is a program that is funded by the JAG Grant. There were 1931 unique contacts and TND had eighty-seven percent of enrolled youth complete the program and connect with mentors. She also provided an overview of the participant's exit survey which yielded positive results. Youth Options Shasta was recently granted an extension of TND classes, which is very helpful.

Tracie Neal pointed out that JAG grant monies have been used for prevention efforts in Shasta County. The grant is a three-year cycle, ending on September 30, 2022. The BSCC has allowed a six-month extension for unspent JAG Grant dollars. This extension is October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. Tracie said these dollars will be used to continue the efforts of programs currently supported by JAG funds. Probation is still waiting for conformation from the BSCC to finalize the extension. Tracie also discussed the release of the next JAG grant application and she stated she has everyone's proposals and will work to submit the grant application to continue to support these efforts.

- C. *Committee members will receive an update on the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) closure scheduled for June 30, 2023.*

Tracie Neal stated that efforts have continued on the Juvenile Realignment Plan and the Juvenile Justice Sub-Committee continues to meet to discuss the plan and options for the Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP). An overview was provided.

The committee engaged in a discussion about the youth Probation has had in the STTP and the fact that we are the first county in the state to have a youth transition into a less restrictive environment. The two youth in the STTP have been very different, but both have required an immense amount of time and effort for staff.

D. Committee members will receive an update on the recent Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) visit.

Tracie, Chelsey, Jeremey, and Carla gave an overview of the OYCR site visit.

Action Items

A. Committee members will consider appointing a new member, Judge Molly Bigelow, as the representative for the Juvenile Court Judge.

Kathryn Barton made a motion to appoint, Laura Burch seconded. Motion to appoint Judge Bigelow was passed. Alternates for JJCC members was also discussed.

B. Committee members will receive a presentation on the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) activities and consider approving the JJCPA and YOBG Expenditure and Data Report or provide further direction to staff.

Tracie Neal reviewed the report, highlighting data, expenditures, and providing the various program overviews including trends which Probation has been experiencing. Tracie noted that the recidivism rates have declined significantly over the years, and Probation is proud of the work being done to continue to support youth and families. The council discussed the report and edits.

Bill Schueller motioned to make minor corrections to the report, motion was seconded by Ben Hanna. The motion was passed.

Other Items for Discussion/Future Agenda Items

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Individual Comments from Board Members

Laura Burch voiced her gratitude regarding the important work being done by Shasta County Probation and their contracted providers and for sharing the data and outcome results with the council regarding the good work being done.

Adjourn

Bill Schueller moved to adjourn the meeting and Katheryn Barton seconded the motion.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm